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Herman Leavitt, Treasurer

Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees

Int'l Union T I P - "To Insure Progress"

1219 28th Street NW

Washington, DC 20007

Identification Number: C00004515

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/20/94-11/28/94)

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

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This letter is to inform you that as of March 29, 1995, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated March 8, 1995. This notice requests information easential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jennifer Wall on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

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Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses a contribution(s) from an organization which is not a political committee registered with the Commission (pertinent portion(s) attached). In addition, the contribution appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. \$441a(f) precludes a political committee from receiving contributions from a person or another committee in excess of \$5,000 in a calendar year. Also, in order to make contributions to your committee, organizations which are not political committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution. 11 CFR \$102.5(b)

If your committee does not finance non-federal activity, the receipt of the referenced contribution(s) may violate the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. \$5441a(f) and 441b. If your committee engages in both federal and non-federal activity, either through a separate non-federal account, or one account that finances activity in connection with both federal and non-federal elections, your committee may be in violation of 11 CFR \$102.5(a).

In order to be in compliance with the Act, your committee must: 1) refund to the donor, or transfer-out to a non-federal account, the amount in excess of \$5,000

and 2) determine the extent to which your committee received funds that are not permissible, and refund or transfer-out the prohibited funds.

If you choose to transfer the funds to an account not used to influence federal elections, the Commission advises that you inform the contributor in writing and provide the contributor with the option of receiving a refund. You may wish to seek a written authorization (either before or after the transfer-out) from the donor for any transfer-out to protect the donor's interests.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the funds, the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible, absent a statement from your committee to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which they are made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited and excessive contribution(s), your prompt refund or transfer-out will be taken into consideration.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Blection Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Wall Reports Analyst

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